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Sunday Morning Meetings

11:15 AM—Auditorium

November 4

**Ethical Humanist Award—
Recognizing Courage**

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Carol Nadell Van Deusen Presides

November 11

**If There is No God, From Where
Do We Get Our Hope?**

Dr. Joseph Chuman

*Leader, Ethical Culture Society,
Bergen County*

Dr. Charles H. Debrovner Presides

November 18

What's Science Got to Do With It?

Dr. Massimo Pigliucci, Professor,

*Evolutionary Biology and
Philosophy, Stony Brook*

Tony Hileman Presides

November 25

**J'Accuse: Emile Zola and the
Ethics of Moral Outrage**

Gerald Ranck, Music Director

Dr. James W. Farer Presides

*Bring a
Friend on
Sunday*

November Happenings

Ethical Humanist Award—Recognizing Courage—On Sunday, November 4, at 11:15 am, Matthew LeClair will be honored for defending his principles. *(See page 4)*

Join us for a presentation on organ and tissue donation—Frank Prescod and members of the NY Organ Donor Network will speak on Sunday, November 11, at 1:45 pm. *(See page 5)*

President's Notes

Andra Miller, President



As one who is far more interested in developing events and establishing outreach programs than in working on the details of our finances, building, and organization, I have to say that the first four months of my presidency have been hard slogging. We're working with old records, accountants, and attorneys to understand our true financial position; we're raising funds for our building repairs; we're setting procedures and revising job descriptions to hire a Membership Associate and a Development and Communications Director; we've rearranged our committee chart; and we're getting building repairs prioritized and completed.

It is amazing to me that what at first seems simple turns out to require running down way more details than you'd expect before the "simple" task can be completed. Occasionally I have the feeling that I've stepped into quicksand, as the foundation of what we're

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From the Leader's Desk

Tony Hileman, Senior Leader

An Invitation to Dialog



At our annual membership retreat at the Warwick (New York) Conference Center—if you missed it you missed a wonderful weekend!—I shared some of my concerns for the Ethical Movement. The responses and reactions were enlightening, and I would like to broaden the dialog by welcoming all members into the conversation.

Toward that end, I invite all of you to join me at 6:00 pm on November 7 here at the Society for coffee, conversation, and a sharing of concerns. In anticipation of that conversation, let me bring you up to speed on what we discussed in Warwick.

I began with the words, "I fear for more than the vitality of our movement. I fear for its relevance in a changed and changing culture, and for its continued existence in any rec-

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President's Notes

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trying to accomplish seems to melt away. One example is the refurbishing of the downstairs bathrooms. A contractor says he'll do what we ask for X dollars. Then we realize there are no specifics of exactly what quality of sink he'll install, or things like the kind and color of paint he'll use, and we have to go back to the drawing board. The upside, though, is that we're becoming experts in the process and are establishing procedures for more streamlined operations in the future. I thank those on the House Committee and the staff for their dogged determination to do our repair work right. Involved are chair Bob Berger and Bonnie Bean, Ruth Cohen, Jerry Chamlin, Jim Farer, John Gurney, Sheila Kleinwald, Bob Liebeskind, and Marlon Rice.

But there's another thing about being president, something far more heartening than the "quicksandedness." That is the selfless volunteering and the offers of help from members that come my way over and over again. No sooner did I get voted in last June than two members came to me the next Sunday morning to say they'd help—"just ask." And that offer is repeated again and

again. Thanks to all of you who are willing to pitch in.

Working with the board is another special delight. We've got all kinds of personalities—sharp, crusty, earnest, thoughtful, spunky, wise, and more—all working in a collaborative manner. You should come see them in action; the next meeting is November 5, at 6:30 pm.

Though your trustees are very busy people, they nevertheless readily volunteer when a board task comes up. In my message last September, I gave you a list of the board's immediate goals. Here are those who took them on: "Develop a brief and compelling mission statement"—Jirina Ribbens, Steve Schultz, and Heather Grady. "Develop a strategic plan for membership growth"—Pat Cohen and Maria Fridman with member survey help from members David Leiman, Helen Mecs, and Tom Weishaar. "Develop a statement of support and a plan for sustaining the building"—Henryka Komanska and I. "Develop strategic financial plans"—Bob Berger, Jim Farer, Phyllis Harrison-Ross, and member Ivanhoe Ffriend. "Clarify roles of Leader, committees, SSB, board, staff, and members"—Margaretha Jones and Sylvan Wallach with Tony Hileman. "Develop market strat-

egy for rentals” – Jirina Ribbens with Bob Liebeskind.

At each board meeting since, these trustees have given progress reports and we’re well on our way to nailing down these assignments. It’s a terrific board—and we’re working with a terrific staff.

I mentioned committees in my last message. It is my duty to go through the list of current committees and make any changes that are needed. I’m moving slowly on a few that need rethinking and are required by our bylaws, but have not been in existence lately, or are newly named in our realignment: the committees for Ethical Action, Flyers, Membership Development, Programs, Publicity, and Sunday Social (what I’m calling early morning, luncheon and afternoon programs). A bright spot, however, is that our Senior Leader, Tony Hileman, has jumped right into the task of reinvigorating the committees assigned to him. The Sunday Platform Committee continues under the inspired leadership of Carole Chamlin, the Caring Committee has been firmly reestablished by our energetic Virginia Scherer, the Adult Education Committee is now headed by the astute Barbara Levenson, and the Sunday School/Family Programs Committee is helmed by activist Meg Chapman. We’ll see good things coming from these valuable committees.

And thanks to those leading the rest for their continued dedication: Ben Bean and Pat Berens, who co-chair the Activities Committee; Jim Farer, chairing the Audit Committee; Jerry Chamlin, the Awards Committee; Jim Farer, Bylaws and Policy; Jirina Ribbens, Communications Coordination/Public Relations; Henryka Komanska and Betsy Ungar, Co-Sponsored Programs; Phyllis Harrison-Ross, Endowment; Bob Berger, House; Selma

Friedman, Newsletter; Pat Cohen, Nominating; Chuck Debrovner, Pledge Drive; Abe Markman, Public Issues; Marc Bernstein, Radio; Henryka Komanska and Joe Marvel, Scholarship; Tom Weishaar, Website; and Theresa Schultz and Christina Nargolwala, Younger Members Group. Sylvan Wallach and I are leading the Fundraising Committee, and I’m leading Finance/Budget and School Relations.

Serving on a committee is a wonderful opportunity to get more deeply involved in the life of the Society. It requires the commitment to attend meetings or participate in conference calls, the acceptance of a personal assignment as your share of the committee’s homework, and the commitment to help during any events held by your committee. Generally, the time required for committee work is two hours a month for meetings—and whatever time it takes for the tasks you volunteer to do, such as making phone calls, searching the web, handling administrative duties, or writing short reports or activity publicity. If you would like to contribute some of your time working with a great group of people, you will find it a highly rewarding experience. I encourage you to call me at 212-627-3944 if you would like to apply for committee work.

And now, as we near Thanksgiving, let me thank those of you who recently made super-generous additional contributions to the building repair fund—and thank you all for your acts of kindness. I wish us all a festive and heartwarming holiday season.

Leader’s Desk

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ognizable form.” In so saying, I was speaking of our movement and not necessarily any particular society, though

my fears certainly extend in that direction. Among the concerns I expressed were that we are not cohesive, that we lack clarity, that we do not articulate our message well, that our numbers have been dwindling, that we remain generational while expressing a desire and expending energy to be otherwise, and that Ethical Culture (on the surface) seems better suited to another time.

The optimistic spin on all this is that we have not mastered the art of adapting our 19th century idealism to today’s realities. The pessimistic, and I fear more realistic, version is that we are operating beneath the threshold of viability, below the level of sustainability, and—of greater concern—without the capacity or apparent will to change. I don’t mean to paint a doomsday scenario, but it doesn’t take an organizational guru to see that there’s a perfect storm brewing—unless we act!

Responses were varied: that we need to work harder, that if we want to recapture the vibrancy of our past we have to do the things we did in the past, that each of us conceives of Ethical Culture differently, that it’s not a bad thing we don’t have a shared concept of what Ethical Culture is, that we don’t fit into people’s lives, that we’re confrontational in style, that we’re not strident enough, that we should ask more of each other. The conversation repeatedly gravitated toward the question of change and whether it should come from the top down through the American Ethical Union or bubble up from the membership and radiate out through the societies.

I would like to add your thoughts to these welcome and respected perspectives. All interested and concerned members are invited to join me on November 7, at 6:00 pm, in Ceremonial Hall to continue the dialog on how we might reinvigorate our movement.

Sunday Morning Meetings

11:15 AM—Auditorium

November 4—Ethical Humanist Award—Recognizing Courage

Tony Hileman, Senior Leader

At this meeting Tony will speak about courage, as we recognize a young man who is an example for all of us—Matthew LaClair. For his courage in standing up for the principle of keeping religious indoctrination out of the classroom—in the face of serious opposition, including harassment by some of his classmates and even a death threat—Matthew will receive the 2007 Ethical Humanist Award at this meeting. When his social studies teacher told his class that the biblical explanation for creation was correct and that evolution and the Big Bang were not scientific, Matthew secretly recorded several of his religious statements. After the threats, as his parents prepared to sue the school district for violating Matthew’s civil rights and failing to protect him from harassment, a settlement was reached upholding the separation of church and state and praising Matthew for his “exemplary action.”

November 11—If There is No God, From Where Do We Get Our Hope?

Dr. Joseph Chuman, Leader, Ethical Culture Society of Bergen County

The traditional religions tell us that if we do not believe in God, there can be no solid foundation for hope. From where do humanists get their hope when life severely challenges us?

Dr. Chuman has been the leader of the Ethical Culture Society of Bergen County for 33 years. As an activist, he has worked on behalf of human rights and civil liberties, as well as many other progressive causes and in opposi-

tion to the death penalty. He recently initiated a sanctuary program for asylum seekers detained at the Elizabeth Detention Center in Elizabeth, New Jersey. An educator, he has published numerous articles in *The New York Times*, *The Humanist*, *Free Inquiry*, *Humanistic Judaism*, *The Record of Bergen County*, and other publications, as well as in several encyclopedias and academic texts.

November 18—What’s Science Got to Do With It?

Dr. Massimo Pigliucci, Professor

From time to time, and recently more often than usual, scientists venture into the land of philosophy and religion, and begin to talk about how science can support or deny the existence of God. Two recent examples are biologist Richard Dawkins’ *The God Delusion* and physicist Frank Tipler’s *The Physics of Christianity*. But, in reality, what does science have to do with religion? Dr. Pigliucci suggests that the answer is “not much,” and certainly not in the way either Dawkins or Tipler think of it.

Massimo Pigliucci is a professor of evolutionary biology and philosophy at Stony Brook University and a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He has written several books on evolution and the philosophy of science. His writings can be found online at www.rational-layspeaking.org.

November 25—J’Accuse: Emile Zola And the Ethics of Moral Outrage

Gerald Ranck, Music Director

The great French novelist Emile Zola ended his career in a moment of high drama and passion, defending truth, justice, and the honor of his country with his unforgettable letter to the French press proclaiming the innocence of Alfred Dreyfus and attacking the corrupt politicians who had framed

him. Zola stood firm and resolute in the face of blistering opposition and hate.

Today’s situation in our country—mendacious political corruption, phony war, constitutional maneuverings that would strip us of our most fundamental rights, and a messianic president marching blithely into catastrophe—shows that we desperately need a passionate advocate not unlike Emile Zola, whose moral outrage changed the world. Could the source of this well-spring of moral outrage be—us?

Early Sunday

10 AM

Nov. 4—Singing Practice—All voices, big and small, are welcome. Led by Pat Debrovner and Jerry Ranck, we’ll practice the songs we sing on Sunday mornings—and get tips to improve our technique. It’s a lot of fun, so join us! Ceremonial Hall.

Nov. 11—Colloquy: Humor—Harriet Bigus presides. Room 408.

Nov. 18—Poetry Readings—Spend a peaceful hour reading and listening to poems we love (see page 5). Cheryl Gross presides. Room 408.

Nov. 18—Singing Practice—Ceremonial Hall.

Nov. 25—No program.

Sunday Afternoon

1:45 PM (Except as noted)
Ceremonial Hall

Nov. 4—Memorial Service for Francesca Sato Joelson at 2:00 pm. (See page 5)

Nov. 11—Organ and Tissue Donation Presentation—Carol Nadell Van Deusen presides. (See page 5)

Nov. 18—Community Meeting

Nov. 25—No program.

The Gift of Life

Carol Nadell Van Deusen

“The kidney transplant I received in July gave me back the fifteen hours a week I used to spend in dialysis. What a gift that is.” –Frank Prescod

Organ and tissue donation is a subject fraught with ethical, moral, and personal issues. The shortage of donors is a growing societal problem. How far can, or should, each of us as individuals go to prolong or improve the quality of life of our fellow human beings?

On Sunday, November 11, the New York Society will host a discussion of organ and tissue donation. Our own Frank Prescod, a recent kidney transplant recipient, and his caregiver, Barbara Fennell, will join volunteers from the New York Organ Donor Network to share their personal stories, discuss current issues, dispel the myths, and answer our questions. We hope this will lead to a better understanding of the donation process and how it can benefit the lives of others.

The presentation, to be moderated by Carol Nadell Van Deusen, will take place at 1:45 pm, in Ceremonial Hall. Please join us for an enlightening, life-affirming experience.

Poetry Readings

Cheryl Gross

On the third Sunday of each month, at 10:00 am, members gather to read poetry on a particular theme. At our next meeting, on November 18, we will read works by New England poets. A few who come to mind are Robert Frost, Emily Dickinson, Edna St. Vincent Millay, and Ralph Waldo Emerson.

As always, in addition to well-known poets, we look forward to the excitement of learning about and hearing the words of poets whose writ-

ing may be unknown to us. So, look through your bookshelves, dust off that volume of poems, find some that you really like and practice reading them aloud. Then, bring them to our meeting and share them with others. But, you don't have to read; you can just sit back and listen—and enjoy.

In Memory...

Remembering Francesca

Valerie and David Leiman

Francesca Sato Joelson was an active member of the New York Society for Ethical Culture for 26 years. She died on September 9, at age 75. A Memorial Service will be held at the Society on Sunday, November 4, at 2:00 pm.

Francesca always attracted attention due to her striking appearance. Most important, however, was her warm personality. Her friendly smile and bouncy conversational style, coupled with her serious commitment to service characterized her long membership.

Over the years, Francesca volunteered her time and efforts in many ways. At the Society she served as a greeter at our Sunday meetings, welcoming arrivals at the Auditorium door with a program leaflet and a big smile. She was a member of our Caring Committee, writing and sending greeting cards to Society members who were ill or otherwise unable to attend and assisting members on their return home from hospital stays. She was also a volunteer at St. Paul the Apostle Church when the Society partnered with Project Find to setup tables and distribute Thanksgiving dinner packages for elderly poor people, even when she herself was ill.

Francesca often spoke ruefully of her Japanese-born father's refusal to allow his children to learn the Japanese language because of the enmity between

the two countries prior to WW II. She was a wonderful example of the best in the character of a citizen of America and of the world.

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It is with sadness that we report the recent death of our former member **Frances Wiesenfeld**. Fran died peacefully in her sleep at her home in Colorado, where she relocated some years ago so as to live near her children and grandchildren. As an active member of the New York Society and our Social Service Board, she was always ready to help others. Her gentle and giving manner will be missed.

Film Forum

Ben Bean

Join us on Friday, November 2, at 7:00 pm, to see *The Titfield Thunderbolt* (1953), starring Stanley Holloway, John Gregson, George Relph, and Edie Martin, directed by Charles Crichton. When a branch railway line in England is threatened with closure, the villagers take it over as a private concern. The color film, which shows us an England that is no more, is one of the best Ealing comedies. The script has pace, it's polished, and the action works up to a fine climactic frenzy.

After the showing, Ben will lead a discussion about the various issues raised in the film. Doors will open at 6:30 pm, and the movie will begin at 7:00 pm. Admission is \$3 for members and \$4 for nonmembers. Laughter, good conversation, and popcorn are included, so be sure to come!

New Workshop Writers' Space

Elaine Berman

Here's an opportunity to check out the work of present and past members of

NYSEC's Monday and Thursday personal writing workshops! It's easy: just go to our home page, www.nysec.org, and click on "Table of Contents." On that page scroll down to the "Workshop Writers' Space," and there you'll find essays by a very talented group. The Workshop Writers' Space is brand new; its creator is Tom Weishaar and its editor is Eva Yachnes. We plan to post new work there throughout the year, so visit the website regularly and get to know some of our members better.

Social Service Board

Valerie Leiman

SSB members and friends attended a special program on September 23 at the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, which featured "Carpenter's Children," the Tanzania Project of the Episcopal Diocese of New York. In partnership with the Church of the Epiphany, funds were raised to cover educational costs for 50 children from the village of Mlowa Barabarani. We watched a colorful musical video with commentary by Episcopalian priest Jennifer Linman and her husband, Lutheran minister Jonathan Linman. This effort benefits young children orphaned by their parents' death from HIV-AIDS, who will be raised by their village and educated at the local primary school.



Jennifer and Jonathan Linman

Public Issues Committee

Abe Markman

PIC has been very active, in your name. We have supported the Paid Family Leave Act by lobbying New York legislators in person in Albany and contributing \$100 to the Eight-State Paid Family Leave Coalition. *Status:* the bill passed in the Assembly and has the support of the Governor. The Senate has held hearings on the issue. PIC also has dealt with the issue of global warming by submitting the NYSEC Global Warming position for adoption at the 2008 AEU Assembly; inviting a third guest speaker, energy efficiency expert Hamilton McLean, on this subject for Sunday afternoon, October 28. *Status:* both the Senate and the House passed bills. The Conference Committee has a chance to combine the best aspects of each bill.

PIC also supported child health coverage by sending an e-alert to Congress asking them to override a presidential veto on SCHIP; attending a showing of *Sicko* as a group, followed by a lively discussion; and inviting Marilyn Clement, an advocate for single-payer health coverage, to speak on December 2. *Status:* Is it possible that by the time you read this, Congress will have overturned the threatened veto?

In addition, in your name we have taken action on Iraq, stem cell research, Darfur, the death penalty, and a variety of pro-choice issues, and supported eliminating the draconian Rockefeller drug laws under which many non-violent drug addicts are incarcerated for up to 15 years (that is a long-standing NYSEC position). Your comments, criticism, praise, or suggestions are welcome in person or on our web message board: <http://www.nysec.org/sitemap/ethical-action/public-issues-committee/>.

Urgent Action Alerts: If you have e-mail, we urge you to take seriously the Action Alerts posted on the Ethical Culture weekly events calendar. Your representatives do.

Open House At Ethical

Andra Miller

On the first Saturday in October, Ruth Cohen served as a guide for tours of our landmarked building, as part of the fifth annual OpenHouseNewYork program. The New York Society was one of several sites offering free tours.

Starting at 1:00 pm and doing "hourly" walk-through tours with small groups until 4:00 pm, Ruth began her presentations outdoors, speaking about the building's Viennese Secession style of architecture. She then led the visitors through the lobby, Auditorium, fifth floor "Leaders' Hall," Elliot Library, Adler Study, and Ceremonial Hall, where she spoke of the significance of our stained-glass windows. Ruth also gave the background of the large wooden carved breakfront (reputedly designed by Charles Rennie Mackintosh, according to former Leader Jean Somerville Kotkin, who had donated it to the Society). Mackintosh, a Scottish designer in turn-of-the-century Vienna during the period when the Secessionist artists were working, knew their work and reflected it in his own.

Tagging along on the last tour, I was impressed with Ruth's grasp of the significance of the building's features and her in-depth knowledge of Ethical Culture's past. Our archivist, Marc Bernstein, gets a share of the credit, as he supplied her with some of her material. A total of about 30 visitors came from Washington, DC; Oklahoma; Chicago; and Germany, as well as New

York City. Their interest was high, their questions were many, and our building was a hit!

In addition to NYSEC’s building, the OHNY program included tours of such sites as the MTA Substation in Crown Heights, the Cooper Hewitt Design Museum, the High Line, and the Tom Otterness studio. You’ll notice his little bronze statues throughout the 14th St. station of the A, C, and E subway lines. (*A word from Ruth Cohen follows.*)

Thank You –*Ruth Cohen*

As leader of the second annual Open-HouseNewYork tour of our building, I want to offer my heartfelt thanks to everyone at NYSEC who helped make the tours a success—administration, staff, archivist, executive director, leader, president, maintenance supervisor, and all our members and friends. We were accompanied by Robert Gelber, district supervisor for OHNY, and his associate volunteer Kira Downey.

For me, it was very gratifying to show off our wonderful building and share what I know of its history. Our visitors were truly impressed. The carpet glowed, the wood gleamed, the marble shone, and the stained-glass windows sparkled, all a fitting backdrop to reflections on our history and the ideals of Ethical Culture over the more than a century of our existence.

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Fall Retreat

Barbara Levenson

This year’s fall retreat took place in a new location—the Warwick Conference Center in Warwick, New York, September 21–23. The facility was beautiful and the weekend was well-run. The 33 participants enjoyed glorious weather, spending our days and evenings in serious discussions and outdoor activities. We had ample opportunities to share our thoughts about Ethical Culture, work together, and get to know each other better.

We held two early-morning colloquies, one on Saturday led by Senior Leader Tony Hileman (see page 1), and the other on Sunday led by Abe Markman. Abe spoke about the use of empathy in interpersonal relations and as a tool in understanding the pervasive behavior of members of large groups, in the latter case focusing on fundamentalist Muslim men. On Saturday morning we held a lively session on the value of membership diversity and that afternoon we held a membership circle at which Tony shared his thoughts about securing the future of the Ethical Culture Movement in a changing world. On Sunday morning Tony spoke briefly on the meaning of our Ethical Culture religion. The group responded with many, and varied, opinions on the best ways to proceed. Equally rewarding were the many spontaneous conversations that arose during meals and at other informal times throughout the weekend.

It wasn’t all serious philosophical issues, though. Some of us went on bird-watching walks with Ben and some of us hiked along the trails of the 500-acre facility with Henryka and Chris. We also explored the charming village of Warwick. Our first retreat at this new venue was a great experience, and we are looking forward to returning there for next year’s fall retreat.



(L-R) Tony Hileman, Bob Berger, Pat Debrovner, Elaine Berman, Barbara Litke, and Carole Chamlin singing at the morning platform meeting



Bird watching—(L-R) Andra Miller, Virginia Arnold, Ben Bean, and Carol and Richard Van Deusen



(L-R) Maria Fridman, Bonnie Bean, Barbara Levenson, and Barbara Litke



Lively discussions—(left photo, L-R) Talat Ali and Barbara Levenson, Barbara Litke in background; (right photo, L-R) Ed Gross and Richard Van Duesen, with Bob Berger in background



November 2007

Office hours for the month are: Monday-Friday, 9:00 am–6:00 pm

Shelter: Monday-Thursday, 7:30 pm

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| <p>Great Books: November 7 – Gibbon, <i>Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire</i>* ECRDG: (Ethical Culture Reading Discussion Group) November 14 – Orhan Pamuk, <i>Snow</i> Great Books: Great Conversations I November 21 – Carl Jung, <i>The Stages of Life</i></p> <p>* Complete work</p> | | | | <p>1 December 2007 Newsletter Deadline 7:00 pm – Thursday Writing Workshop</p> | <p>2 7:00 pm – Film Forum 7:00 pm – Inheritance – The Legacy of FDR and The WPA</p> | <p>3 9:30 am and 1:30 pm Supervised Visitation</p> |
| <p>4 10:00 am – Singing Practice 11:00 am – Ethics for Children 11:15 am – Morning Meeting 12:45 pm – Social Hour 2:00 pm – Memorial Service for Francesca Joelson</p> | <p>5 6:30 pm – Board of Trustees 6:30 pm – Monday Writing Workshop</p> | <p>6 6:00 pm – Drawing Class</p> | <p>7 6:00 pm – Men's Group 6:00 pm – An Invitation to Dialog 7:30 pm – Great Books</p> | <p>8 7:00 pm – Thursday Writing Workshop</p> | <p>9</p> | <p>10 9:30 am and 1:30 pm Supervised Visitation 11:00 am – Trip to Queens Museum – Call Ben Bear</p> |
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| <p>25 10:00 am – No program 11:00 am – No Ethics for Children program today 11:15 am – Morning Meeting 12:45 pm – Social Hour 1:45 pm – No program</p> | <p>26</p> | <p>27</p> | <p>28 6:00 pm – Ethical Culture Today? 7:00 pm – Ethics and the Theater</p> | <p>29 7:00 pm – Thursday Writing Workshop</p> | <p>30</p> | |



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